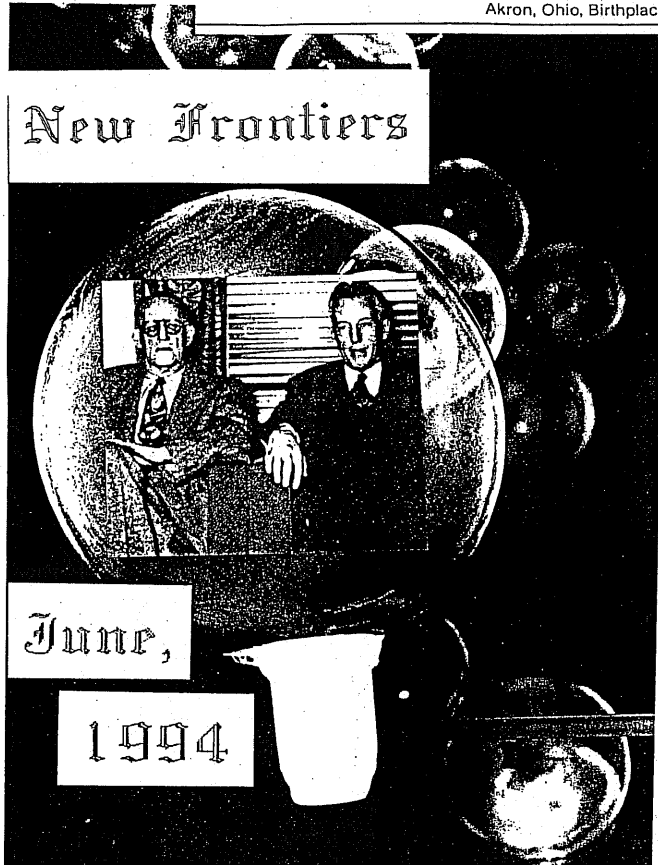


# Founders' Day Herald

Akron, Ohio, Birthplace of AA, June 10, 1935

1994



Once upon a time, in the little town of Akron, a proctologist met a down-and-out stock broker...Was it some fairy tale, or the greatest miracle of the 20th Century? Feeling the lure of the bar, Bill hoped for a drunk to talk to. The last name on a church directory outside a bar where Bill was pacing, Rev Walter Tunks, made an association with Bill. A "tunk" is a ten strike in bowling. Bill bet on that hunch. With a dollar's worth of nickels, on the very last call, Bill finally made the connection with the much needed drunk that would help him stay sober. A rectal surgeon who the medical community joked "you would bet your ass on whether he was drunk or sober." How about that for a long shot?

a prayer... a church directory...  
a nickel...



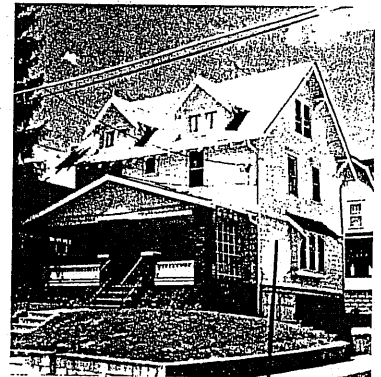
Bill's first impression of Dr. Bob at the gatehouse of the Seiberling estate was that "he looked a mess. He had just come off a drunk." Bill said, to him "you look like you could use a drink." "Here's a guy who knows what he's talking about," Bob answered.

Bob was only going to give "this bumb" Bill fifteen minutes. Following Dr. Silkworth's advice Bill refrained from trying to evangelize drunks with God. Instead, Bill proceeded to tell Bob his story, blow by blow. He began to explain the disease of alcoholism to a man who had been in medicine for thirty years. But what Bill said was news to him. Their little talk ended up lasting for five hours.

After a couple of weeks, Bob got sober. Then one morning he announced he was going to attend the AMA Convention in Atlantic City. Bob's wife Ann pleaded with him not to go. She knew it meant another drunk for him. But he insisted he had to test this thing out and prove if it would work.

Five days later, one of his ex-nurses found Dr. Bob in a bar in downtown Akron. Bill was heartbroken. Ann asked if Bill would stay on in Akron. Bob needed to perform surgery, she explained. If he didn't go through with it, they would be bankrupt. No one in town would allow him to practice. That's how bad he was. For Ann's sake, Bill agreed to stay on.

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"WHERE IT ALL BEGAN"



Bill had a hangover cure, cold sliced tomatoes, sauerkraut juice, and Carol's syrup, along with gallons of coffee. After walking Bob up and down in front of his Ardmore home, he got well. Bill drove Bob to the hospital to perform the surgery. He shook so bad, Bill got him a bottle of beer to straighten out his nerves. Bob was grateful for that.

Bob started to walk up the stairs of the hospital, but he stopped and returned to the car. He told Bill, "I'm going through with this." "Yeah, go through with it, go ahead," Bill responded. And he left. At this point, Bill was sick of him.

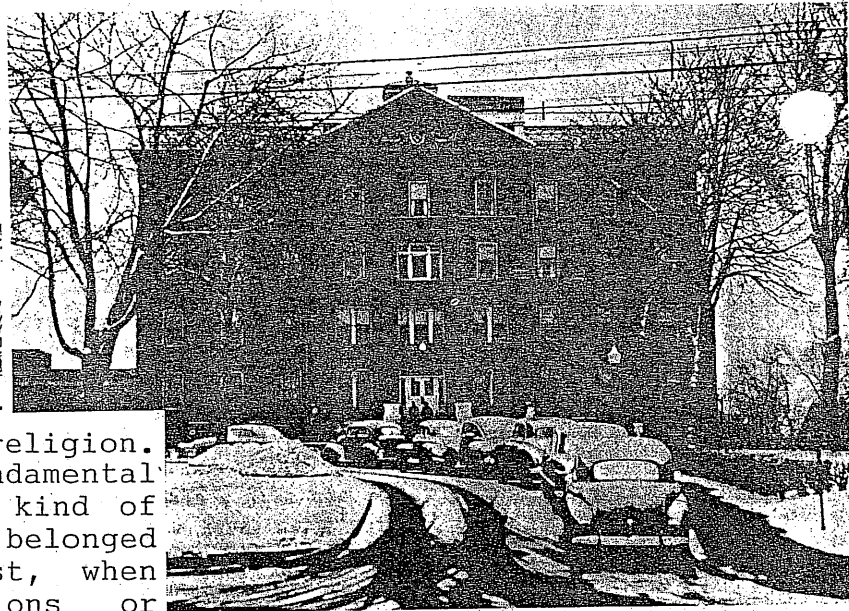
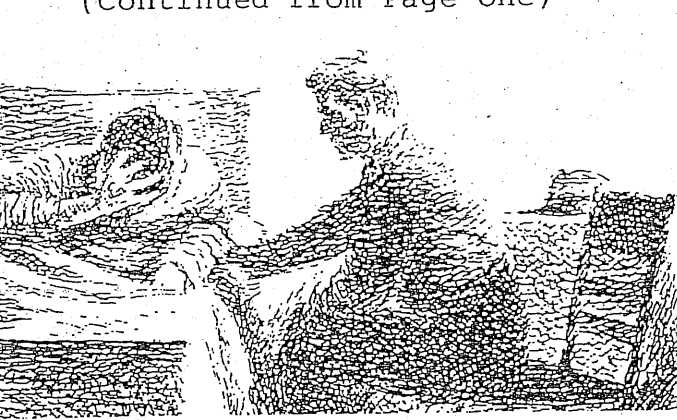
After waiting up all night, and still no Bob, Bill got ready to go back to New York. Up pulls a cab at five o'clock. Asks Ann, "Where have you been?" Bob had been all over Akron making amends to anyone and everyone he had harmed. And that's what he meant when he said he was going through with this. He had taken one of the Oxford Movement's Steps.

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# Founders' Day

City Hospital, Akron, Ohio... here, the third man...

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The Oxford Group was not a religion. It was a non-denominational, fundamental movement that tried to practice a kind of Christianity the members felt belonged shortly after the death of Christ, when there were no rules, regulations or hierarchy. Even though Ebby had shared with all five tenants of the Oxford Movement in his kitchen in New York, November, 1934, there are actually twenty-eight principles that influenced Alcoholics Anonymous:

- 1.) God-Biblical descriptions of Him, such as Creator, Maker, Almighty God, Lord, Father, Love, Spirit, Living God.
- 2.) God Has a Plan-His will for man- and provides definite, accurate information for the individual who wants the plan fulfilled.
- 3.) Man's Chief End-To do God's Will, thereby receiving the blessings God promises to those who align their lives with His will.
- 4.) Belief-We must start with the belief that God IS.
- 5.) Sin is a reality-The selfishness and self-centeredness that blocks man from God and from others.
- 6.) Surrender-The turning point which makes it possible for man to have a relationship with God by surrendering his will, ego, and sins to God.
- 7.) Soul-Surgery-The "art" or way which enables man through Confidence, Confession, Conviction, Conversion, and Conservation (the 5 Cs) to have the sin or spiritual disease cured.
- 8.) Life-change-The result in which man, through a spiritual experience, becomes God-centered instead of self-centered, and focuses on helping others.
- 9.) Decision- The action by which man verbalizes his surrender and gives in to God, saying, essentially, "Thy will be done."
- 10.) Self-examination-A "moral" inventory in which man takes stock of his sins and their consequences.
- 11.) Confession-Sharing with another the inventory results.
- 12.) Conviction-Readiness to change resulting from man's conviction that he has sinned and that God miraculously can cure.
- 13.) Conversion-The New Birth-Changes, namely, that which occurs when man gives himself
- 14.) Restitution- Righting the wrong and enabling man to cut the cord that binds him to the past.
- 15.) God-The source of power as the Divine Way-Shower by whose transforming power man can be changed.
- 16.) Conservation-Continuance as an idea, by which man maintains and grows in his life of grace.
- 17.) Daily surrender-A process in which man engages in daily self-examination and surrender to get rid of newly accumulated sin and selfishness.
- 18.) Guidance-The walk by faith in which God gives Divine Guidance to a life that is changed from sin to God.
- 19.) The Four Absolutes-God's standards of absolutes honesty, purity, unselfishness, and love by which man's life can be tested for harmony with God's will.
- 20.) Quiet Time-A period in which man can receive Divine Guidance and be sensitive to the sway of the Spirit.
- 21.) Meditation-enables man daily to feed his soul on God's revelation.
- 22.) Prayer-Talking to God.
- 23.) Listening to God for Leading Thoughts and Writing Down Guidance Received.
- 24.) Checking-Testing thoughts to be sure they represent God's Guidance and not just self-deception.
- 25.) Knowledge of God's Will- receiving knowledge of His particular Will through obedience to His Universal Will.
- 26.) God-consciousness- The total change resulting from the experience of God when His will is known, lived and witnessed.
- 27.) Fellowship-Believers maintain fellowship with God and mutually sacrifice to win others to the fellowship of the love of God.
- 28.) Witness by Life and Word-Sharing with others by personal evangelism the fruits

# Founders Day

## June 10



Bill would regularly meditate with Bob and his wife Ann during that period from his first meeting with Bob on the Sieberling estate, Mother's Day, 1935, to the date of Bob's last drink, June 10th, 1935. Up in Ann's sewing room they would read from the Good Book. She would conclude every session with the phrase from James, "Faith without works is dead."

Bill was to come to understand a warmth, peace and love beyond compare with his new-found friends. "Uncle" Bill, as he was called by the Smith family, was accepted into their circle for three months. Bill occupied little Smittie's room, he had to sleep in the attic.

The day after Bob's last drink he realized this would not be enough to stay sober. They would have to find another drunk to help. So Bob picked up the phone and called Akron City Hospital. "I have a fellow from New York, who has a cure for drinking, is there anyone there who needs any help," Bob asked. "Well what about you Doc," the smart aleck nurse replied.

At his expense, he requested a private room for the chap. In those days, when someone was taken out of a ward and put in a private room, that meant one thing, death was near. When Bill and Bob came to visit Bill D., he was terrified. He thought they were the undertakers coming to measure him for a coffin. He was tied to the bed, sweat dripping off of him. Finally, he settled down, and Bill and Bob were able to tell their story, what it was like, what happened, and what it was like to share with him now. They could see the peace of God spread over him as he understood he wasn't dying. When they were finished, they asked him "what do you think?"

"Look, I'm happy for both of you, but I'm pretty far gone," Bill D. said. "You see, I didn't turn my back on God, God turned His back on me. It's too late for me, I'm a goner. I dare not leave here. I'll kill someone on my next drunk. I'm sure of it. I've asked to be committed to the Ohio State Hospital. But, I wish you guys all the luck

There was nothing they could say. They made their pitch. But Bob went back and asked Bill D.:

"Is there something we missed. We would like to come back tomorrow if we could. Maybe we could cover some other points. Would you like that?"

"O, please do," he responded. "You know how lonely it gets in here. They hate us. They hate the sight of us, they hate the sound of us, the smell of us. O, please do, come back if you think it's going to help you out."

The next morning, Bill D. was back on the ward. No sooner than they stuck their heads in the doorway, he booms out in a loud voice:

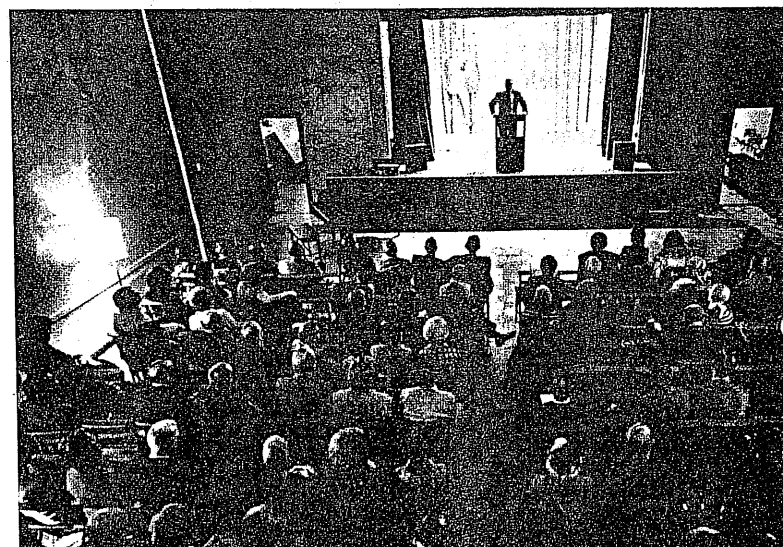
"O, there they are. There's the two guys from yesterday. See, it wasn't a dream." A nurse dropped a tray. "Look, these two guys came to see me yesterday. This one here is a hinnie Doctor," he pointed to Smittie. "This one here is a stock broker from New York. They've come to see me, they're drunks just like me. Honey, get my clothes, I'm going home."

And so was the first group of sober alcoholics. Bill D. became AA number three. In two years time there was forty. Bill and Bob said to each other "if this keeps up, there'll be a thousand by the year two thousand."

Post Script: from Dr. Bob's will, his daughter had to sell the house to some renters. A bunch of hippies took it over. Historic tours would pass by the beginnings of Alcoholics Anonymous, and they would be drinking beer out on the porch, and flash the bird at all the sightseers. At one time, they even had a toilet on the front yard.

In 1985, Dr. Bob's house received status as a historic landmark. Now it's beautifully renovated. There are twelve steps from the sidewalk to the porch on the front of the house.

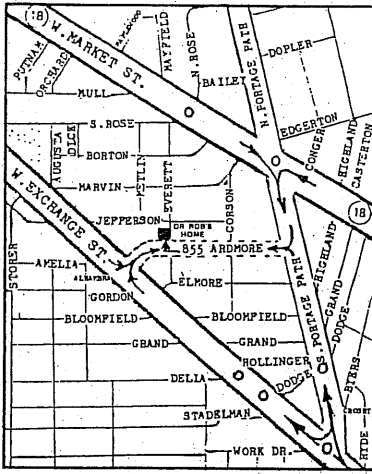
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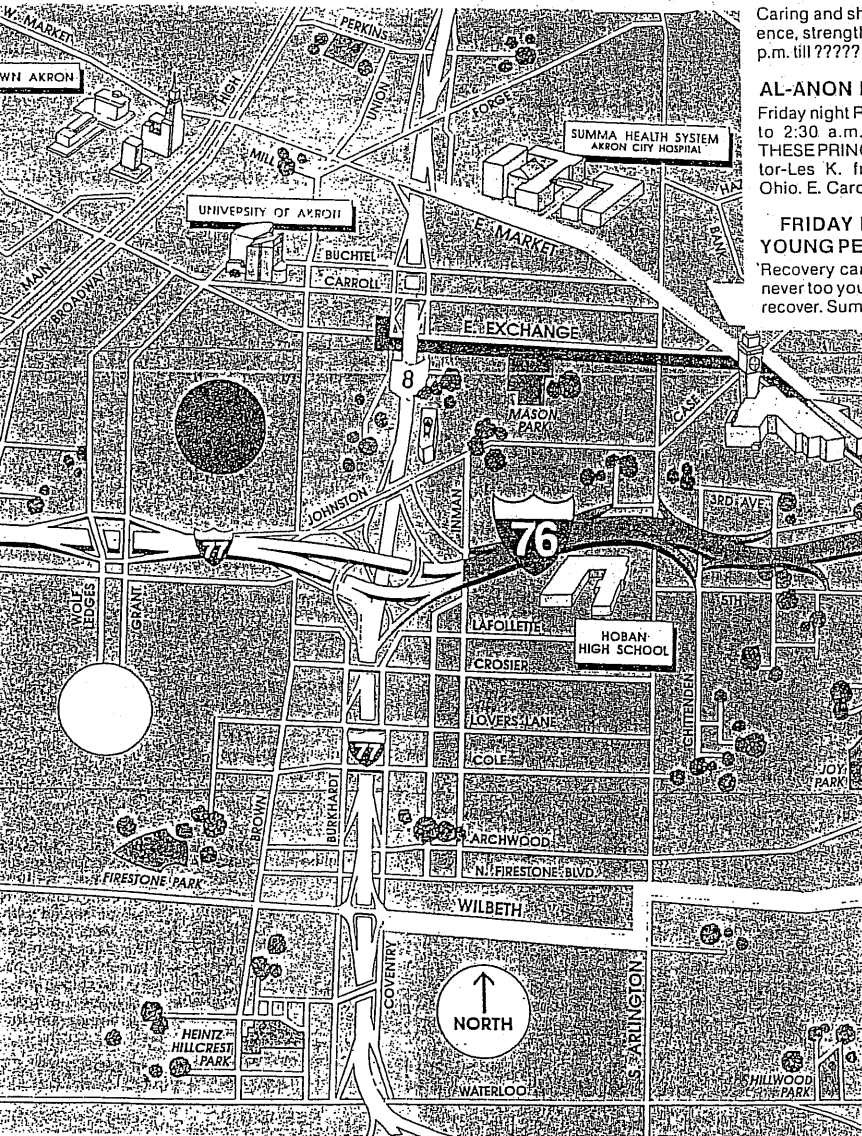
# 59th Annual AA Founders' Day Weekend at Akron University June 10, 11, & 12, 1994

NOTICE: Registration is \$8.00 at ROBERTSON HALL. Package Plans to be picked up in ROBERTSON HALL.

## WELCOME HOME!



## DIRECTIONS TO AKRON UNIVERSITY



### EARLY BIRD MEETING

AA transformed Akron's Joan A. from a rowdy "Raggedy Ann" into an active member of intergroup and general service. Friday, 3 p.m. - JAR arena.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON ARRIVALS ...

Dinner will be available at Hilltop GSC ala carte cafeteria style from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

### OLD TIMERS' PANEL

Tom H. of Akron will host 110 years of quality sobriety, panel members are Jim C., Ross W. from Canton, Ohio and Ridley P. of Akron, Ohio. Friday, 7:00 p.m. JAR Arena.

### AL-ANON AND AA LEAD

Joan B. will introduce Esther and Lee S. from Wadsworth, Ohio, an Al-Anon and AA couple. Friday, 8:30 p.m. - JAR Arena.

12 TRADITIONS SKIT Friday 10:30 p.m. GSC Theatre. Audience limited to the first 500.

### ALKATHON LATE FRIDAY NIGHT

Caring and sharing our experience, strength and hope. 11:30 p.m. till ????? South Chuckery.

### AL-ANON RAP SESSION

Friday night Rap Session, 10:30 to 2:30 a.m. "PRACTICING THESE PRINCIPLES". Moderator-Les K. from Cuya Falls, Ohio. E. Cardinal Room -GSC.

### FRIDAY NIGHT 11:30 YOUNG PEOPLES PANEL

Recovery can start at any age, never too young to qualify or to recover. Summit Lounge, GSC.

**SATURDAY MORNING 10 A.M. AA MEETING**  
Pam J., "She Will Enlighten Your Day". Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - JAR Arena.

### AL-ANON PANEL

Jim P. will introduce the panel, Dick C., Pat L. and Jim N. on "A Spiritual Awakening Through Service, Sponsorship and Surrender". Saturday 10:00 a.m., Knight Auditorium.

### ALATEEN PANEL KNIGHT AUDITORIUM 1:00 P.M.

Topic - "As We Understood - Then and Now!"

### "INTERNATIONAL SPEAKING MEETING"

An international speaking meeting will be held on Saturday, from 12 noon until 6 p.m. in Kolbe Hall Rm. 55. Signers for the hearing impaired, if available.

### SATURDAY 2:30 P.M. A.A. MEETING

Sobriety and Beyond!!! - Charlie P. from Arkansas carries this message from the "BIG BOOK" and his heart. Come join us as we travel the road of happy destiny. JAR arena.

### AL-ANON WORKSHOP "On The Road to Recovery"

Saturday from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Knight Auditorium moderators, Rex McV., Shari A. and Julie H. share the road of recovery with you.

### FELLOWSHIP DINNER BUFFETERIA STYLE

Saturday evening 5:00-6:30 p.m. Advance reservation required. Hilltop Dining Room. See ticket purchase info.

### ACTORS GUILD

The Actors Guild presents an outstanding play of our own story - "MAN ON A BED". Two performances, Friday 6 p.m. - JAR and Saturday 1 p.m. - JAR.

### SAT. NIGHT BIG MEETING TICKETS REQUIRED

Bill S. from Atlanta, Ga. His special story will show us the "H.O.W.-Honesty-Openness and Willingness". JAR Arena and Mem. Hall-8 p.m.

**FELLOWSHIP DANCES** Saturday night after the meeting, 10 p.m. until 1 a.m. D.J., music and lots of fun. Memorial Gym. 40's to 60's dancing at the Chuckery, GSC.

### TEEN DANCE

10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Open to all D.J., lite show and music. New location. Lower Level, GSC. Games, Video, Bowling, play.

### ALL DAY BUS TOURS SATURDAY

Starting 9 a.m. leaving every hour on the hour, visiting locations that are part of our AA heritage. Polymer Circle Tickets required.

### DR. BOB'S MEMORIAL SERVICE AT GRAVESIDE

We gather together in the fellowship and gratitude for the Co-Founders Dr. Bob and Annie, in a Memorial Service Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. Prompt. Motorcade forms at 7:30 a.m. at Polymer Circle.

### SUNDAY 11 A.M. SPIRITUAL MEETING

Our northern friend from Ontario, Canada, Fr. Peter W. brings a special message of "HOPE" to each of us. JAR Arena.

### Sunday Morning Breakfast.

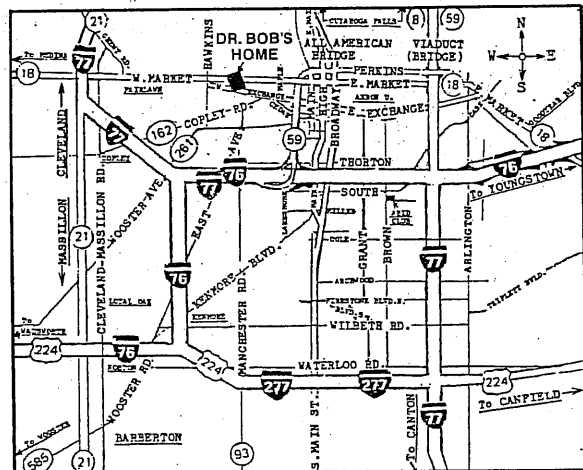
Tickets can be purchased @ \$8.00 each by MAIL ORDER ONLY. Mail to: Founders Day Committee, P.O. Box 12, Akron, OH 44309. SEND STAMPED SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE - NO REFUNDS. Breakfast to be served between 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. Buffeteria Style. Hilltop/GSC

### HOSPITALITY ROOM WITH NON-STOP COFFEE will be in Robertson Hall.

### SPECIAL NEEDS INFO

If you have any special for housing accomodi, an interpreter, special dietary needs, special printing for visually impaired or blind, please notify the Founders Day Committee in writing, to Box 12, Akron, OH 44309 by May 10, 1993.

*"Let's Keep It Simple"*



Dr. Bob's Home: 855 Ardmore Ave., Akron, OH  
Visiting Hours: 12 p.m.-3 p.m. Daily  
For Other Arrangements:  
Phone Office: (216) 864-1935



## JUNE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEETING CHANGES:

UNITY - WEDNESDAY - ST PETER & PAUL'S CH., Main St, Williamsville - will now be meeting at 9:30AM. This group is in need of support.

VILLA - FRIDAY - VILLA MARIA COLLEGE will not meet during the summer starting after June 10th. It will start up again in September.

URBAN - FRIDAY - United Church of Christ, 2628 Union is now NON-SMOKING

### PLEASE NOTE:

NEVER TOO LATE GROUP - THURSDAY - which meets at 7:30PM at the Erie County Home and Infirmary, 11580 Walden, Alden is in need of support.

SUNDAY MORNING BKFT - 11AM - is updating their membership. Please see the Chairman if you want to be considered as a member of the group.

### SEASONAL MEETINGS

MONDAY & SATURDAY - 8PM - LEARNING AND GROWING - Camp Turner, Allegany State Park. Open Discussion and non-smoking. This meeting will start June 6th until September 10, 1994

MONDAY - SERENITY IN THE PARK - 7PM - will start another season.

SATURDAY - MARINA - 8PM - meeting site will again be at the pavilion in front of the Miss Buffalo Dock next to the Naval Park. Bring your own coffee and/or refreshments.

### COMING EVENTS:

JUNE 4 - SATURDAY - NORTH JAVA will be having their 6TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER - Roast Beef and Chicken. Donation \$6.00. St Nicholas, Rte 98 in North Java. 6PM Doors open-7PM Dinner-8PM Speaker.

JUNE 4 - SATURDAY - MATT TALBOT is sponsoring an AA TRADITION DAY at St. John's Luthern Church, 67 Litchfield Dr, Depew. 10AM to 4PM.

JUNE 5 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 80 GOODRICH - 7PM

JUNE 5 - SUNDAY - DAY AT A TIME - 2nd Annual Picnic. Springbrook Park, Shelter #5, Foot Rd off Rte 240, Glenwood, NY. Begins at 8AM. The regularly scheduled meeting will not be held at the hospital that day.

JUNE 8 - 10 -- LIVING SOBER WEEKEND presented by the Any Age Group at Donald F. Miller Park, 1601 Sweeney St in North Tonawanda. Dancing and music Friday and Saturday night. Food and beverages supplied. Overnight camping Friday and Saturday nights. Tickets \$5 per person for one day, \$8 per person for the whole weekend. Kids under 12 years of age-free.

JUNE 10 - FRIDAY - TGIF ANNIVERSARY NIGHT AND CELEBRATION starting at 8:30PM including a speaker, followed by a buffet - bring a dish to share. Place: Our Lady of Peace, 10950 Main St, Clarence.

JUNE 11 - SATURDAY - ABBOTT'S WOMEN'S 4th through 9th Step Workshop according to the Big Book. Woodside Methodist Church, 675 Abbott Road. Registration at 9:30AM. No fee but space is limited to 100 people. Bring a lunch, paper and pencils.

JUNE 12 - SUNDAY - LIFE TODAY GROUP of East Aurora is having their 3rd Annual Picnic at Emery Park, Shelter #3 noon to 5PM. Bring a dish to share.

JUNE 19 - SUNDAY - SUNRISE COURT'S ANNUAL FATHER DAY 40TH ANNIVERSARY BREAKFAST will be held at the Holiday Inn on Delaware Av in Buffalo at 11:30AM after their normal meeting at 10AM at the City Court Building. Tickets - \$10 per person. See any member of the group for tickets.

JUNE 19 - SUNDAY - LOVEJOY GROUP is having their Annual Summer Picnic. It will be at Como Park (Lancaster Shelter) 12 noon till dusk. Bring the family and enjoy good fellowship, good food and lots of fun. FREE!!!

JUNE 27 - MONDAY - BEGINNINGS WOMEN'S - Eighth Anniversary at 8PM, St Michael & All Angels Church basement, 81 Burke Drive at Huntley, near Kensington and Eggert. We will have a spiritual panel on the 10th, 11th and 12th steps. Desserts and snacks will be served. All women are welcome. Please come and help us celebrate.

**NYSCYPAA bid meeting will be on Sunday, June 12th. For more information call Rick at 824-**

"Spiritual," as defined by Random House Dictionary means "of or concerned with the spirit, rather than the body or material things." Synonymous with the words "unworldly," or "immaterial."

"The terms 'spiritual experience' and 'spiritual awakening' are used many times in this book (Alcoholics Anonymous) which, upon careful reading, shows that the personality change sufficient to bring about recovery from alcoholism has manifested itself among us in many different forms." (AA, p.569)

Spirituality is the cornerstone of sobriety. It is a blind belief in a power greater than ourselves. It is also a pronounced change in our alcoholic thinking.

Now, don't panic and stumble into the intellectual quicksand of trying to understand spirituality early in sobriety. Just believe, accept and practice gratitude for the gift of sobriety. Spirituality will come to you, if you seek it.

spirit □

**spir-it** (spir'it), *n.* 1. the incorporeal part of human beings in general or of an individual, as the soul. 2. a supernatural, incorporeal being, as a ghost. 3. (*cap.*) the divine influence working in the human heart. 4. (*cap.*) See Holy Spirit. 5. **spirits**, feelings or mood: *good spirits*. 6. vigor and courage. 7. an individual as characterized by disposition: *a few brave spirits*. 8. a dominant tendency or feeling. 9. vigorous sense of membership: *college spirit*. 10. the true meaning or intent: *the spirit of the law*. 11. Usually, **spirits**. *Chiefly Brit.* hard liquor.

What AA does in its Twelve Suggested Steps is to expose us to the dark taboo of the disease of alcoholism and open us to the light of recovery. With this light comes the hope of recovery.

Dr. Bob "had repeatedly tried spiritual means to resolve his alcoholic dilemma, but failed. But when (Bill W.) gave him Dr. Silkworth's description of alcoholism and its hopelessness, (Dr. Bob) began to pursue the spiritual remedy for his malady with a willingness he had never before been able to muster." (AA, xvi) We must find God, as we understand Him, in our recovery. When we find God, we find ourselves. Were we not created in His image and likeness?

What is spirituality? When will it come? How will I recognize it? What will I do with it? These are questions I asked myself in my early days in the program. Spirituality is simply getting out of self, asking for help from a superior Being. Substituting the word "I" for the word "we." It drags into our being like an intervenous

The atheist believes in the non-existence of God. The agnostic holds that the ultimate cause (God) and the essential nature of things are unknown and unknowable. In the "We Agnostics" Chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous it states:

"Were our contentions true, it would follow that life originated out of nothing, means nothing, and proceeds nowhere.

Instead of regarding ourselves as intelligent agents, spearheads of God's ever-advancing creation, we agnostics and atheists chose to believe that our human intelligence was the last word, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and end of all. Rather vain of us, wasn't it?

People of faith have a logical idea of what life is all about." (AA, p.49)

Atheists and agnostics have spirituality as recovering alcoholics, they just haven't accepted it yet. God wisely designed the human body so that we can neither pat our own backs, nor kick ourselves too easily. Remember, you're only young once, but you can be immature forever.

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"Just believe, accept and practice gratitude for the gift of sobriety. Spirituality will come to you, if you seek it."

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Sobriety without spirituality is a dry drunk, seemingly meaningless. In the infinite wisdom of the founders of AA, they obviously felt that alcoholics needed the help of a power greater than themselves in recovery. Otherwise, what would be the purpose of AA? Could we do it alone?

Spirituality, or the term "spiritual experience" are indispensable to our recovery. Expect no burning bush, or late night visit from God. He comes to us when we least expect it. My way didn't work. I had to "Let Go and Let God." The miracle of AA is the willingness to act on our disease.

"The principles we have set down are guides to progress. We claim spiritual progress rather than spiritual perfection." (AA, p.60) Doesn't Step Twelve tell us that "Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this

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message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs." This does not mean only at meetings, but in all our affairs! To resist spiritual guidance is to defeat ourselves and threaten our sobriety.

God Bless,  
John H.



## Nearness

I wish to dedicate this to my friend Bill R., who passed on last year, and the Franciscan Friars for their assistance in early 1988. Also, I cannot neglect my friends who laid the simple kit of spiritual tools at my feet for my inspection. I join them in brotherly and harmonious action.

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I arrived at AA living in a shelter for the homeless, with criminal charges pending. I was bitter, hostile, vengeful and dangerous. These circumstances were not unusual to me, or to those who knew me. What was unusual was that the Franciscans were willing to do what most people weren't: work with me. That was the beginning, and within five years of sobriety I had surmounted astonishing, extraordinary obstacles. For all intents and purposes, it seemed to prove that I had power over my life.

Not neglecting meetings, working with others, serving my home group, or any other activity in AA, my desire to remain sober increased with time. I had arrived. I had fellowship, I had service, and I had a life. I was also bitter, hostile, vengeful, and even dangerous. The people I loved the most, I treated the worst, even though I repeatedly tried not to. My emotional nature swung from excitement to fear, to rage, even though I tried to remain composed. I needed a drink and I didn't want to drink. I was five years sober and couldn't see myself continuing on the way I had been going, and yet, I couldn't see myself putting a stop to it either. I was dying.

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"I can no longer conduct myself successfully, for any substantial length of time, by my unaided power of mind and body, nor desire to do so."

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Directed to the cover page of our text, I embarked upon the highroad to a new freedom. Stones were removed from the wall that kept me in the frigid darkness of my intellect. I began to feel a little of the gentle warmth of His light of power. I honestly took stock, admitted my faults, and made restitution. I drew near to Him and He disclosed Himself to me. The majesty of His power stilled ALL questions of His existence and has brought about a change in me that would have never been accomplished with a lifetime of self-discipline. The center of existence

is that God has now entered into my heart and provides me with power to do the things that He wishes for me.

At times my ego reasserts itself, and I subtly switch from the sunlight of God's sufficiency to the darkness that my intellectual sufficiency brings. Situations arise where I sense a shift from my spirit as the source of my power, to my intellect as the source of my power. I don't recognize this shift, I feel it. A feeling of permanence, love and power is replaced by conflict. My roots continue to remain in fruitful soil even in the presence of momentary conflicts. Just the pedal of the plant is briefly deprived of the sunlight. Sometimes I am given an indication of this deprivation in my evening review, and because I have found true fellowship, my fellows gently point out when I am no longer operating from God's power.



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I can no longer conduct myself successfully, for any substantial length of time, by my unaided power of mind and body, nor desire to do so. By following the directions for the morning meditation, God places me ashore once more, the shadows of the dark intellectual wall of my ego (agnosticism) are removed. It has proven to be a design for living that gives me freedom under any circumstances, at any time. Allowing God to discipline me in the manner outlined in our text, I have found much of Heaven. The journey on the Broad Highway into the Realm of the Spirit is never over. As Bill W. says, "Abandon yourself to God, as you understand God. Admit your faults to Him and your fellows. Clear away the wreckage of your past. Give freely of what you find and join us." (AA, p.164)

I first tried to get sober when I was sixteen. I spent about two years going in and out. I look back now, and see several reasons why I didn't stay sober. I was famous for coming in during the reading of "How It Works," and splitting immediately after the "Our Father." I never tried to get involved, or to become a part of the fellowship.

Subsequently, I never put together any considerable amount of time. Finally, when I was eighteen, something changed for me. I found my first Young Peoples' Group. I was five months sober. For the first time, I felt as though I fit in. I felt understood by those around me, and I could relate to the people there. I had several firsts at this group: I met my first sponsor, and got involved in AA for the first time. I started doing service work at the group level, and after my first year, I started to work with an area conference in Kansas City called the Kansas City Area Conference for Young People in AA, (KCACYPAA).

Too Young?

"Finally, when I was eighteen, something changed for me. I found my first Young Peoples' Group...for the first time, I felt as though I fit in."

The moral of the story is that it was absolutely crucial for me to become united with AA, and then express my gratitude for what God had so graciously given me. This is known as service work. Now, becoming a part of the fellowship and getting active are not the only things that enabled my sobriety, but I believe they are indispensable for long-term sobriety.

About six months ago, I moved to Buffalo from Kansas City, Kansas. This was a big change for me after five years of continued involvement with KCACYPAA. When I got here, I started asking about Young Peoples' Groups, and Young Peoples' Conferences. I was shocked when no one knew anything about Young Peoples's groups or Conferences in the Buffalo area.

Then I was referred to Fireside Group. I found a lot of young people there, but none of them were involved in service. I offered them an opportunity to become involved, but

On another occasion, I approached a friend, who is eighteen and about eight months sober, with the same offer. But he's still debating whether or not he's too young to be an alcoholic. The sad part about these situations is that I can relate to both of them. These are attitudes I shared while floundering around the fellowship my first two years.

I feel a personal responsibility to the young people in the Buffalo area. I know what you must feel, I used to feel that way. But I also know what a difference getting involved can make today. I know I couldn't have done it without a good sponsor, and a community that supported young people in AA.



"Here's my question for the people of Buffalo: do you feel there's a need that is not being met? Are the young people in your group getting active? Do you think the young people of Buffalo need to be united?"

I have put together a meeting where we can discuss this situation. Anyone who has an interest in this issue is more than welcome to attend this meeting.

This meeting is dedicated to one purpose: it's a bid committee meeting representing Western New York. With your help we can bring the New York State Conference for Young People in AA to our area. Although we know that bringing NYSCYPAA to our area is not the entire solution to our problem, it's a step in the right direction.



Dear A.A. Friends,

We are in need of A.A. members on the "outside" to correspond with A.A. members in correctional facilities. It is suggested that men correspond with men and women write to women. Most of the inmates who want outside correspondents are men so we are especially appealing to men on the outside.

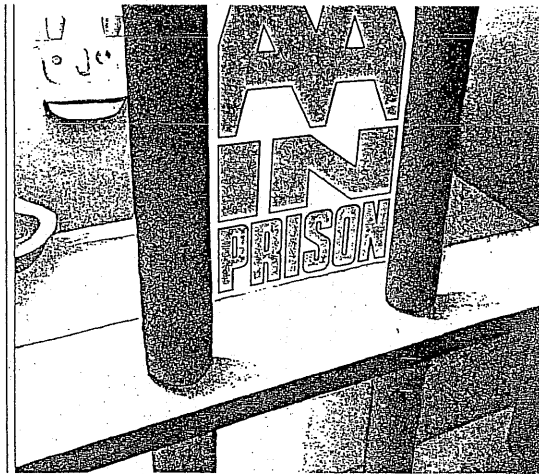
If you would like to share your experience, strength and hope with A.A.s who are confined, please mail this form to the Correctional Facilities staff member at the mail address indicated above. The name of an inmate will be sent to you from your General Service Office and you will make the initial contact through the mail.

Those who have participated in this service have found sharing with inmates a gratifying form of 12th Step work. We are happy to know there are A.A. members like you willing to help make it possible for the A.A. message to be carried to those on the "inside."

Warm regards,

*Richard*

Richard  
General Service Staff



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NEW YORK, NY 10163  
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TTY# 212-870-3199

Guidelines for Corrections Correspondence Service

Welcome to one of the most rewarding forms of Twelfth Step work.

In addition to observing the rules in Correctional Facilities regarding mail and correspondence, the following are suggested guidelines drawn from shared experience to help you when writing to A.A. members on the "inside:"

1. We introduce ourselves by qualifying briefly in our opening letter.
2. We try to let the inmate know that writing, like all forms of sharing, helps us as much as it helps him or her.
3. We let the inmate know that he or she is not alone.
4. Some correspondents prefer to use their group P. O. Box for receiving mail rather than their home address. (We usually match up correspondents from different states).
5. We share sobriety and sobriety only.
6. We have found it best for all concerned if no emotional or romantic involvements develop.
7. If there is a desire to send a gift for a special occasion, we make it an A.A. book, A.A. literature, or Grapevine material. (Before sending literature, see if the facility will allow it. Many Correctional Facilities will permit inmates to receive only literature sent directly from the publishers). Also, some facilities do not allow inmates to receive stamps or pre-addressed, stamped envelopes.
8. In the spirit of the Twelfth Tradition, we respect the anonymity of our correspondents.
9. We encourage "inside" A.A. group activity and stress that first meeting THE DAY the inmate leaves confinement.
10. We encourage "inside" correspondents to notify G.S.O. prior to their release so that G.S.O. can set up a prerelease contact from their home community.

Thank you for your willingness to share in this most important work.

Correctional Facilities Committee

Yes, I would like to participate as an "outside contact" in the Corrections Correspondence Service

I am a MALE FEMALE (please circle one)

My Name is: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First and Last)

My Address \_\_\_\_\_

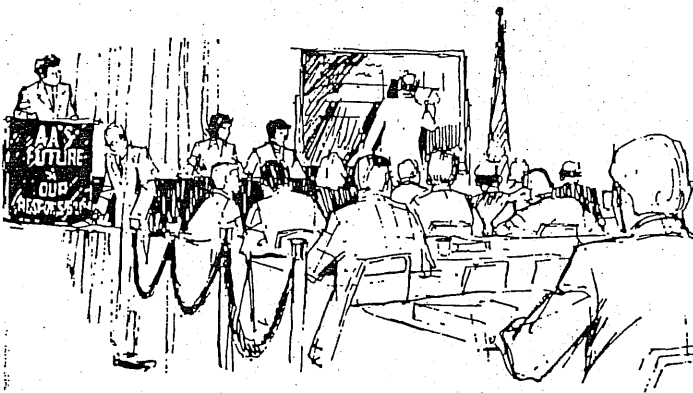
(City, State, Zip Code)

## Cooperation With the Professional Community

WNYGSA, (Western New York General Service Assembly), has published a pamphlet entitled "How About CPC?" It explains what the Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee does. The pamphlet also considers why we do CPC work, how we do it, and how you can help. A copy of this pamphlet is being sent to all groups so they may share how CPC work can help fulfill a member's willingness to serve.

"In practice, CPC work is simply an extension of 12th step work, carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

In practice, CPC work is simply an extension of 12th step work, carrying the AA message to the alcoholic who still suffers. By informing the person in a position of trust, CPC tells them what AA is, what AA does, and what AA doesn't do.



"Many professionals have not had the opportunity to find out how the AA program works. There are a great many misconceptions about AA in the professional community."

The CPC Committee is prepared to meet any group of professionals, or individuals who would need the information on AA for use in their contact with the suffering alcoholic. Unless we work with these professionals, many practicing alcoholics many never find us.

There are many ways to get involved, even if you don't wish to call on professionals face-to-face. The behind-the-scenes work that makes everything possible is just as rewarding, and just as necessary.

If you are interested, or want to get involved, please call Delphine at 853-0388 during business hours. She'll be happy to forward your desire to CPC.

Art B.,  
CPC Chair



A big, big thank you to all of WNY AAers who supported and participated in NERAASA, February of this year, in Niagara Falls. WNY showed the rest of the Northeast how hospitable and helpful we are.

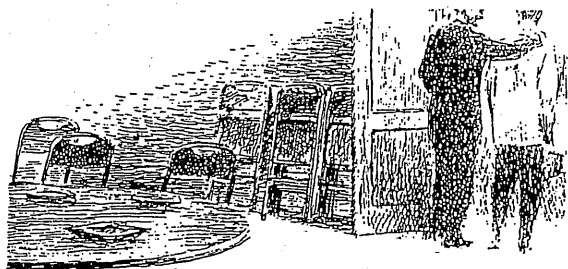
Approximately five hundred sixty people attended, mostly from the other seventeen Delegate areas. Four hundred twenty attended the banquet.

A special thanks to all groups who sent in coffee donations. My heartfelt gratitude is also given to my committee:

Elvester McR., Co-chair  
Lucy LaS., Registration  
Will, Registration  
Janet N., Treasurer  
Don H., Program Chair  
Joyce W., Hospitality  
Freda W., Hospitality  
Ralph P., Literature  
Bernie A., Grapevine  
Gary R., Greeters  
Guy H., Greeters  
Sue C., Name Tags

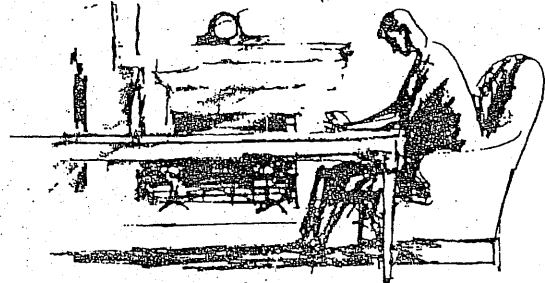
Another thanks goes to Delphine H., of the Central Office for the mailing of our flyers. Also thanks to "New Frontiers" for devoting editions of the newsletter to publize NERAASA.

Sincerely,  
Joanne McC.,  
NERAASA Chair



The families of the late Early Dixon express deep appreciation for every act of love and kindness shown during the passing of their loved one.

Sincerely,  
The Dixon and  
Turner Families



### Do I Have An Open Mind?

Webster defines open-minded as "being unprejudiced and open to new ideas." I find this idea threatening as it means honestly reconsidering, and possibly redefining, my views and beliefs in favor of new experiences. Being open-minded does not mean my understanding of something is wrong, just that I should consider the possibility that it might be.

My close-minded method for avoiding reconsidering my old ideas is to attack the character and personality of differing persons' opinions. This effectively shuts me off from having to consider other attitudes and beliefs as possibly being right. This also relieves me of the uncertainty of change which I truly dread. Give me the old and comfortable every time! I have come to discover that my close-mindedness is based in a fundamental inability to meet changing conditions with "Grace." Isn't this inability to manage a changing consciousness the very nature of the spiritual malady from which I suffer?

The appendix on Spiritual Experience states:

"There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance- That principle is contempt prior to investigation."

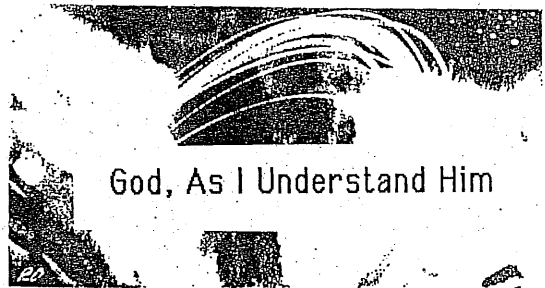
-Herbert Spencer

The question now becomes to what lengths am I willing to go to enhance my spiritual condition and do I truly have an open mind?

- Shawn-C.,  
Transient Member of AA

Early D. impressed me from the first time I met him. He often spoke of love and service. An eloquent speaker, he helped many new people, also those who had been around for awhile. Early D., rest in peace and thanks.

Joanne McC.  
Action Group



### God, As I Understand Him

Dear God, come into my heart,  
and stay  
So as to have a new start  
Just for today!

Dear God, thank you  
for giving me a life renewed  
For with a little strife  
My dreams have come true!

Dear God, talking to you  
is a prayer of hope and love

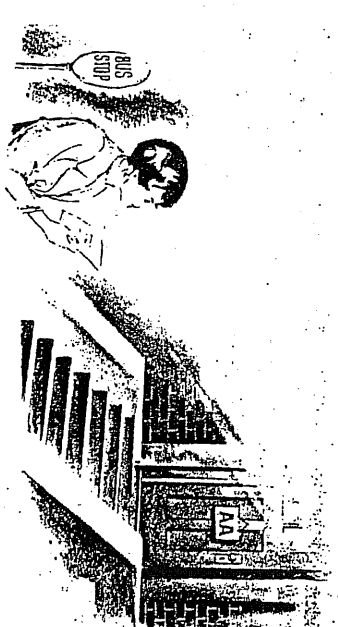
And with this I know  
We- you and I- shall meet  
in heaven above.

By Bill H.

# Anniversaries June, 1994

<p><u>Amherst-Snyder</u>            James W. 8 yrs.            Tina M. 11 yrs.            Jeff F. 9 mo.            Bob C. 2 yrs.            Larry S. 4 yrs.            David L. 5 yrs.            Tom G. 6 yrs.            Patti S. 7 yrs.            Alan B. 7 yrs.            Peter K. 7 yrs.            Joel R. 8 yrs.            John M. 8 yrs.            Barb M. 11 yrs.            Kate K. 11 yrs.            Whitley D. 11 yrs.            Bill O.C. 14 yrs.            Jim M. 15 yrs.            Mary Ann C. 15 yrs.</p>	<p><u>Happy Hour</u>            John S. 3 mo.            Jeff H. 3 mo.            Ken H. 3 mo.            Victor O. 3 mo.            Antoinette A. 9 mo.            Harry G. 9 mo.            Pam A. 9 mo.            Paul W. 9 mo.            Charleen W. 9 mo.            Ed C. 9 mo.            Melvyn D. 1 yr.            John C. 1 yr.            Myron P. 1 yr.            Richard R. 2 yrs.            Mike R. 2 yrs.            Maria O. 2 yrs.            Sophie C. 2 yrs.            Kevin P. 3 yrs.            Chris R. 3 yrs.            Kevin P. 3 yrs.            Chris M. 3 yrs.            Jackie T. 3 yrs.            Alice H. 4 yrs.            Denny H. 4 yrs.            Linda M. 4 yrs.            Mary C. 4 yrs.            Terry W. 4 yrs.            Rudy O. 4 yrs.            Elvys R. 5 yrs.            Willy G. 5 yrs.            Chris B. 6 yrs.            Marcus W. 7 yrs.            Luzi R. 11 yrs.</p>
<p><u>Blidwell</u>            Jeff N. 6 mo.            Steve N. 6 mo.            Kevlin C. 6 mo.            Keith L. 9 mo.            Mike D. 9 mo.            Dave H. 2 yrs.            Floyd N. 2 yrs.            Cherry S. 2 yrs.            Jimmy S. 3 yrs.            Tom S. 3 yrs.            Elizabeth D. 7 yrs.</p>	<p><u>Polka M.</u>            Mary N. 3 yrs.            Karen B. 3 mo.            Pat S. 3 mo.            Martha G. 3 mo.            Matt Talbot 9 mo.            Jerry W. 9 mo.            Joe V. 9 mo.            Fred B. 9 mo.            John S. 9 mo.            Chuck O. 1 yr.            Gary K. 1 yr.            Valerie K. 1 yr.            Andy S. 2 yrs.            Bob G. 2 yrs.            Mike K. 2 yrs.            Gary S. 2 yrs.            Mary B. 3 yrs.            Roger H. 3 yrs.            Marydo S. 3 yrs.            Colleen M. 3 yrs.            North Buffalo 3 yrs.            Gary T. 4 yrs.            Gary P. 4 yrs.            Kristina G. 4 yrs.            George D. 4 yrs.            Frank Z. 4 yrs.            Paula H. 5 yrs.            Nelson G. 5 yrs.            Bridget F. 5 yrs.            Sharon McH. 6 yrs.            Jim S. 7 yrs.            Peter M. 7 yrs.            Robert G. 11 yrs.</p>
<p><u>Cold Springs</u>            Moses McC. 3 mo.            Benjamin S. 6 mo.            Denise O. 6 mo.            Lavein J. 9 mo.            Mary S. 9 mo.            Denise R. 1 yr.            Reeggie B. 1 yr.            Catherine D. 1 yr.            Orlando D. 2 yrs.            Mona W. 4 yrs.            Razzie B. 4 yrs.            William J. 6 yrs.            Earl C. 7 yrs.</p>	<p><u>Thruway</u>            Bob S. 3 mo.            Don Y. 1 yr.            Dale M. 2 yrs.            Jim M. 2 yrs.            Anda M. 4 yrs.            Joseph G. 5 yrs.            Tom S. 5 yrs.            Bill O. 9 yrs.            Norbert E. 14 yrs.            South Buffalo 18 yrs.            Jim K. 3 mo.            Mike W. 6 mo.            Dan K. 9 mo.            John K. 9 mo.            Ron G. 1 yr.            Ron G. 1 yr.            Ilnad G. 11 yrs.            Blanche M. 18 yrs.</p>
<p><u>Firestone</u>            John I. 1 yr.            Ron R. 1 yr.            John B. 2 yrs.            Jack K. 2 yrs.            Ralph H. 3 yrs.            Jim H. 3 yrs.            Walter M. 3 yrs.            Scott R. 3 yrs.            John S. 6 yrs.            Tom S. 10 yrs.            Marlene C. 12 yrs.            Bill O. 14 yrs.</p>	<p><u>Iron Horse</u>            Bob S. 6 mo.            Bill D. 6 mo.            Keith B. 6 mo.            Ron S. 3 yrs.            Jim S. 20 yrs.</p>
<p><u>Liberty Women's</u>            Jan R. 1 yr.            Pat R. 2 yrs.</p>	<p><u>Sunday Morning Breakfast</u>            Ray K. 3 mo.            John W. 6 mo.            Rudy B. 4 yrs.            Condy R. 5 yrs.            Sally M. 6 yrs.</p>
<p><u>Powerless</u>            Tony H. 3 mo.            Ron S. 7 yrs.</p>	<p><u>Why Dave F.</u>            Why 3 yrs.</p>
<p><u>Rise and Shine</u>            Judy 3 mo.            Will C. 9 mo.            Robert D. 2 yrs.            Orlando D. 2 yrs.            Willie Denny H. 4 yrs.</p>	<p><u>Why Dave F.</u>            Why 3 yrs.</p>

you are not alone



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**JUNE 1994**

**MEETING CHANGES:**

UNITY - WEDNESDAY - ST PETER & PAUL'S CH., Main St, Williamsville - will now be meeting at 9:30AM. This group is in need of support.

VILLA - FRIDAY - VILLA MARIA COLLEGE will not meet during the summer starting after June 10th. It will start up again in September.

URBAN - FRIDAY - United Church of Christ, 2628 Union is now **NON-SMOKING**.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

NEVER TOO LATE GROUP - THURSDAY - which meets at 7:30PM at the Erie County Home and Infirmary, 11580 Walden, Alden is in need of support.

SUNDAY MORNING BKFT - 11AM - is updating their membership. Please see the Chairman if you want to be considered as a member of the group.

**SEASONAL MEETINGS**

MONDAY & SATURDAY - 8PM - LEARNING AND GROWING - Camp Turner, Allegany State Park. Open Discussion and non-smoking. This meeting will start June 6th until September 10, 1994

MONDAY - SERENITY IN THE PARK - 7PM - will start another season.

SATURDAY - MARINA - 8PM - meeting site will again be at the pavilion in front of the Miss Buffalo Dock next to the Naval Park. Bring your own coffee and/or refreshments.

**COMING EVENTS:**

JUNE 4 - SATURDAY - NORTH JAVA will be having their 6TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER - Roast Beef and Chicken. Donation \$6.00. St Nicholas, Rte 98 in North Java. 6PM Doors open-7PM Dinner-8PM Speaker.

JUNE 4 - SATURDAY - MATT TALBOT is sponsoring an AA TRADITION DAY at St. John's Luthern Church, 67 Litchfield Dr, Depew. 10AM to 4PM.

JUNE 5 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 80 GOODRICH - 7PM

JUNE 5 - SUNDAY - DAY AT A TIME - 2nd Annual Picnic. Springbrook Park, Shelter #5, Foot Rd off Rte 240, Glenwood, NY. Begins at 8AM. The regularly scheduled meeting will not be held at the hospital that day.

JUNE 8 - 10 -- LIVING SOBER WEEKEND presented by the Any Age Group at Donald F. Miller Park, 1601 Sweeney St in North Tonawanda. Dancing and music Friday and Saturday night. Food and beverages supplied. Overnight camping Friday and Saturday nights. Tickets \$5 per person for one day, \$8 per person for the whole weekend. Kids under 12 years of age-free.

JUNE 10 - FRIDAY - TGIF ANNIVERSARY NIGHT AND CELEBRATION starting at 8:30PM including a speaker, followed by a buffet - bring a dish to share. Place: Our Lady of Peace, 10950 Main St, Clarence.

JUNE 11 - SATURDAY - ABBOTT'S WOMEN'S 4th through 9th Step Workshop according to the Big Book. Woodside Methodist Church, 675 Abbott Road. Registration at 9:30AM. No fee but space is limited to 100 people. Bring a lunch, paper and pencils.

JUNE 12 - SUNDAY - LIFE TODAY GROUP of East Aurora is having their 3rd Annual Picnic at Emery Park, Shelter #3 noon to 5PM. Bring a dish to share.

JUNE 12 - SUNDAY - NYSCYPAA bid meeting will be held on that day. For more information call Rick at 824-6829.



JUNE 19 - SUNDAY - SUNRISE COURT'S ANNUAL FATHER DAY 40TH ANNIVERSARY  
BREAKFAST will be held at the Holiday Inn on Delaware Av in Buffalo at  
11:30AM after their normal meeting at 10AM at the City Court Building.  
Tickets - \$10 per person. See any member of the group for tickets.

JUNE 19 - SUNDAY - LOVEJOY GROUP is having their Annual Summer Picnic.  
It will be at Como Park (Lancaster Shelter) 12 noon till dusk. Bring the  
family and enjoy good fellowship, good food and lots of fun. FREE!!!!

JUNE 27 - MONDAY - BEGINNINGS WOMEN'S - Eighth Anniversary at 8PM, St.  
Michael & All Angels Church basement, 81 Burke Drive at Huntley, near  
Kensington and Eggert. We will have a spiritual panel on the 10th, 11th and  
12th steps. Desserts and snacks will be served. All women are  
welcome. Please come and help us celebrate.

JULY 2 - SATURDAY - SOUTH BUFFALO'S 49TH ANNIVERSARY will be held at the  
Seneca Hose Fire Hall at the corner of Seneca and Harlem Road. 8PM - 1AM  
Bring a dish to share. No charge. SPEAKER-FOOD-DANCE!!!!

JULY 3 - SUNDAY - CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 80 GOODRICH - 7PM

JULY 15-17 - 28TH NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION - CASTLE INN & CONFERENCE CT  
ROUTE 417, WEST STATE ROAD OLEAN, NEW YORK

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OCTOBER 28, 29, 30 - 53RD BUFFALO FALL CONVENTION - MARRIOTT HOTEL

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If you'd like to go but feel you can't afford it - Could you put aside \$1.25  
a week for the Registration/Dance or \$.45 a week for Registration for the  
coming 30 weeks? Call or come to the Central Office and we'll set you up  
with a working plan. Groups wanting to get whole tables (10 at a table) can  
start by putting a deposit down. We hope to have a floor plan soon for you to  
pick your own seating arrangements. Questions about any of these arrangements  
should be referred to Delphine

6TH MONTH - 6TH STEP

*"WERE ENTIRELY READY TO HAVE GOD REMOVE ALL THESE  
DEFECTS OF CHARACTER."*

6TH MONTH - 6TH TRADITION

*"AN A.A. GROUP OUGHT NEVER ENDORSE FINANCE, OR  
LEND THE A.A. NAME TO ANY RELATED FACILITY OR OUTSIDE ENTERPRISE, LEST  
PROBLEMS OF MONEY, PROPERTY AND PRESTIGE, DIVERT US FROM OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE."*

YOURS IN THE SPIRIT OF A.A. -- DELPHINE

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Purpose of Central Committee was read by Tina F. The Journey Group, Traditions were read by Larry. The Chairman read the Preamble. A motion to dispense reading of the minutes was made, seconded by Ron E and approved.

**22 GROUPS--Dist#1-Delaware Disc, Sunrise Court, The Journey Dist#2, Dist#3 Abbott Men's, Abbott Women's, Cazenovia, Ellicott, Father Baker, Higher Powered, Lovejoy, Powerless, Rainbow, Seneca 12&12, Southgate, Urban, Valley Dist#4 Sobriety Dist#5 Morning After Dist#6, Dist#7 Amherst Snyder, Cold Springs, Let Go & Let God, VIP Dist#8 Common Problem, Sunday Morning Bkft, Williamsville.**

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENVELOPE SYSTEM - none

### STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING - APRIL 26, 1994

The meeting was opened by Larry S at 6:17PM with the Serenity Prayer. Present were Tina F-Dist#1, Sonny J-Dist#3, Bill D-Dist#4, Margaret H-Dist#7, Dennis O-Dist#6, Central Committee Co-chairman, Larry S and Treasurer, Jerome D.

Business:

1. Subject : Coffee at Central Committee

Correction Facility Committee leaves a pot of coffee for Central Committee after they meet just prior to our meeting.

Tina F motioned that the expense of coffee left over from the Correctional Meeting for Central Committee be shared by both Committees. Bill D second the motion. Motion was carried. This will be presented to Central Committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35PM in the usual manner with the Lord's Prayer.

### FINANCIAL REPORT - Read by Kevin F for Jerome D

Question was raised by the Chairman, Bill M, as to what the \$771 disbursement to M & T Bank was for. (Because no one was there to explain and in that these minutes are to be sent to all groups this month, I am taking this opportunity to state that this is a monthly deposit made to the Federal Government for the Withholding taxes. It is done through the M & T Bank.)

TREATMENT FACILITIES - no report

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES - no report

SCREENERS - No report

### CENTRAL OFFICE: Delphine H

AA information	580	12 Step	7
PIC	2	literature requests	120
CPC		Refer to other agencies	60
Alanon	10	Refer from other agencies	70
Alateen	1	<i>Central office</i>	
ACOA	5	Outgoing calls	158
<i>Answering Service</i>		Mail costs	\$159.81
Incoming calls 385 - Out going 49		Visitors	150

NEW FRONTIER: no report

**FALL CONVENTION '94 -**

Question of the Friday night dance having a live band was brought up.

Meetings for the Convention are held on the third Thursday of each month at St Simon, 200 Cazenovia at 7PM.

**COURTESY REPORTS:**

**GENERAL SERVICE - no report**

**RECAP - NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The written request from the Cold Springs Group, pertaining to the Operating Procedures of the Central Committee of AA in the Niagara Frontier Area, was read by the Chairman stating the Amendment, that "any and all references directly relating to the statement "by-laws", be deleted." The 3/4 affirmative vote on the resolution was more than received. The vote was unanimous.

Suggestion to share the coffee expenses with the Correctional Facilities Committee was accepted unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Shawn D'L, our Delegate, gave a report from the 44th Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous held in New York City in April. If anyone has question they wish to ask her further you may call her at 297-6907.

Motion to adjourn was made by Sonny J and seconded by Ralph K. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Blane H (Cold Springs)  
Central Committee Secretary

GROUP	Correctional Facil		Treatment Ctrs			
	JUNE '94	Accum.	JUNE '94	Accum.	MAY'94	Accum.
1st Step						
3rd Step						
6th Step						
A Day At A Time						
Abbott Mens Discussion		10.00				10.00
Abbott Women's		6.00				
Acceptance						
Achievement						
Action		50.00				
Age Doesn't Matter						
Albion						
Alexander						
All Women						
Amherst Tree of Life		218.00				
Amherst Snyder		50.00		15.00		
Amsdell Lakeshore						
Any Age						
Arcade						
As Bill Sees It						
Attitude Adjustment						
Attraction		200.00				
Awakening						
Beginner's Table						
Beginning in Sobriety I						
Beginning in Sobriety II						
Beginnings-Women's		66.00		68.00		66.00
Better Days (Bilingual)						
Bidwell						
Bidwell Monday Disc						
Big Book		25.00				
Big Book Study (Thursday Night)						
Big Book Workshop						
Blasdell						
Blasdell Monday Night		120.00		25.00		25.00
Blissfully Sober						
Boulevard Women's						
Brass		40.00				
Broadway-Bailev		25.00				
Brocton Discussion	25.00	25.00				
But for the Grace of God		81.50		33.00		33.00
By The Book-Buffalo						

ADAHD	Correctional Facil		Treatment Ctr			
pg. 2	JUNE '94	Accum.	JUNE '94	Accum.	JUNE '94	Accum.
Came To Believe		71.21				50.00
Campus (Buffalo State College)						
Casting	50.00	90.00				
Cathedral Park	7.00	127.85				
Caz Manor						
Cazenovia						
Central Park		20.00				
Chapter IX		40.00		40.00		
Cheektowaga		50.00				
Chevy #1						
Clarence Men's Disc II						
Clarence Men's Discsion		400.00				
Cold Springs				25.00		
Common Problem		50.00				
Community Center	25.00	25.00		25.00		
Cornplanters Again						
Courage						
Delaware Discussion						
Derby	50.00	50.00				
Desire						
DeVeaux Discussion						
Downtown Discussion						
Downtown Men's Discussion						
Dunkirk						
Early Bird						
Earlybird - Saturday						
East Amherst				10.00		10.00
East Aurora	40.00	240.00			10.00	60.00
Easy Does It						
Eden-North Collins	149.50	149.50				
Ellicott	15.00	55.00				
Ellicottville						
Emergency						
Eternal Vigilance						
Everybody's		40.00				
Eye Opener	50.00	320.00				
Face to Face (women's)						
Faith						
Faith in Action						
Father Baker						



GROUP			Correctional Facil		Treatment Ctrs	
	JUNE '94	Accum.	JUNE '94	Accum.	JUNE '94	Accum.
Feelings						
Fireside	198.00	842.00		50.00	25.00	150.00
Fireside P.M.		200.00				
First Things First						
First Ward						
Fredonia Discussion						
Freedom	25.00	150.00		150.00		150.00
Fresh Start						
Friday Nite Discussion						
Friday Noon Meeting						
Friday Step Beginners						
Friendly						
Friendship						
Friendship Fireside						
Frontier						
Gah Nee Goin Geh (Of the Mind)						
Gardenville						
Gay, Lesbian, Sober & Proud						
Giving	25.00	50.00				
Golden Slipper						
Good Life						
Grand		30.00				
Grand II Joy Of Living						
Grateful						
Guiding Light		50.00				
H.A.N.D.		325.00				
H.O.W.						
Half & Half		25.00				
Hamburg						
Hamburg Big Book		20.00				
Handicappers Sat. Nite						
Happy Hour	10.00	60.00		50.00		50.00
Harmony		50.00				
Helping Hand		40.00				
High Noon						
High View						
Higher Powered						
Hilly Billy		60.00		20.00		20.00
Holiday Village	51.60	283.95				
Honest Desire						

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<b>Pg. #</b>	<b>JUNE '94</b>	<b>Accum.</b>	<b>JUNE '94</b>	<b>Accum.</b>	<b>JUNE '94</b>	<b>Accum.</b>
Honesty	30.00	180.00	10.00	60.00		
Hora de Reflección (Spanish)						
How It Works		30.00				
Humbly Willing						
Ignatia		10.00				
Inner City						
Inspiration		30.00				
Iron Horse		45.00		45.00		
1st Step						
IT						
It's About Time						
Just for Today						
Keep It Simple, Sister		30.00				
Keep on Comin'						
Kenmore						
Kensington	25.00	50.00	25.00	50.00		
Ladies Night						
Lakeshore						
Lakeview						
Let Go & Let God	20.00	40.00				
Lew-port						
Liberty Women's	19.40	110.40	25.00	50.00		
Life Today						
Lighten Up		60.00				
Live and Let Live	80.00	160.00				
Living Sober	35.00	210.00				
Lock City						
Lockport #1						
Lockport Discussion		175.00				
Lockport Ladies						
Lockview		418.00				
Lovejoy						
Lower River						
Lunch Bunch						
Main Street						
Marilla		60.00				
Matt Talbot	25.00	125.00				
Medina New Life						
Mercy						
Mid-day						

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	JUNE '94	Accum.	JUNE '94	Accum.	JUNE '94	Accum.
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Midnight						
Miracle						
MOD (Serenity Room)						
Morning After	10.00	30.00	10.00	25.00		
Never Too Late						
New Awakening						
New Beginnings		25.00		10.00		10.00
New Freedom						
New Frontier						
New Frontier Womens						
New Life	10.00	50.00	5.00	25.00		
New Life - New Beginning		100.00				
New Westside						
Niagara Frontier Men's	25.00	25.00				
Nite People						
North Buffalo	100.00	600.00	25.00	150.00	25.00	150.00
North Java-Monday						
North Java-Sunday						
One Day at a Time(ODAT)		25.00				25.00
Open Arms						
Open Mind						
Opportunity						
Orchard Park Step						
Pass It On		75.00				
Patchin						
Pathway to Peace						
Pendleton-Chapter V						
Perry						
Positively Living II		50.00				
Positively Living III						
Powerless						
Primary Purpose						
Progress		44.00				
Purpose	40.00	200.00				
Rainbow						
Ray of Hope		100.00				
Remember When						
Renaissance I		100.00				
Renaissance II						
Renewal		75.00		25.00		

ADAHD pg. 6			Correctional Facil		Treatment Ctr	
	JUNE '94	Accum.	JUNE '94	Accum.	JUNE '94	Accum.
Ridge		50.00		50.00		50.00
Ripley's "Believe It Or Not"						
Rise & Shine	25.00	45.00				
Rochester Meeting						
Rur-al Is Plural	20.00	20.00				
Rush Hour						
S.S. Sobriety						
Sally						
Salvation Army						
Saratoga						
Saturday Night Alive						
Saturday Night Disc						
Searching for Serenity						
Second Chance		30.00		10.00		10.00
Security						
Seneca 12 & 12		5.00				
Serenity		180.00				
Serenity Circle		40.00				
Serenity Trail						
Sheridan	10.00	60.00				
Silver Creek Friendship						
Sober Trail						
Sober Winners						
Sobriety Men's Disc						
Somerset						
South Buffalo		70.00				
South Town		35.00				
South Town Women's		40.00		40.00		40.00
Southgate		35.40				
Southwestern		36.00				
Spirit of H.O.P.E.		10.00				
Spiritual Progress						
Spiritual Progress(women's)						
Springville						
Springville Saturday Afternoon						
St. Barnabas						
St. Mark's						
Starting Over						
Step						
Stepping Stones						

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	JUNE '94	Accum.	JUNE '94	Accum.	JUNE '94	Accum.
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Suburban		14.00				
Sunday Morning Bkft.		125.00		50.00		75.00
Sunday Niters		60.00		20.00		10.00
Sunday Third		15.00				
Sunrise Court	50.00	50.00				
SUNY-Arnhurst Campus						
Surrender & Hope						
Survivors						
Swinging Door						
ThT	256.00	256.00				
T.P.H.						
TGIF		50.00		25.00		25.00
Thankful		70.00				
The Journey	55.00	80.00				
The Way						
Thruway		1200.00		90.00		
Thursday Afternoon Disc		150.00				
Today						
Town Hall(Going to Any L	60.00	60.00				190.00
Tri-County						
Try Again						
Tuesday Men's Disc		100.00				
Tuesday Women's Disc.		15.00				10.00
Turning Point	7.50	32.50				10.00
Twin Cities		45.00				
United Brotherhood						
Unity		60.00				
University	150.00	750.00			20.00	120.00
Urban						
V.I.P		21.50				
Valley						
Varysburg		15.00				
Veterans						
Victory						
Villa		45.00				
Wake Up Call	25.95	126.85				
We Amitted	10.00	30.00	10.00	25.00		
We Are Not Saints						
We Care	60.00	180.00	20.00	60.00	40.00	120.00



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	JUNE '94	Accum.	JUNE '94	Accum.	JUNE '94	Accum.
pg 8						
We Choose Life		60.50				
We Need You						
wehrle						
Welcome						
Welcome Home						
West Seneca Sat. Nite						
Westfield						
Westminster						
WHY		75.00				
Williamsville		50.00				
Willing To Grow		150.00				
Wilson						
Women's Westside Disc.		50.00		25.00		25.00
Working		20.00				
You'll Never Walk Alone						
Youngstown						
Youth Gone Wild						
38 Groups - JUNE '94	<b>1869.96</b>		<b>130.00</b>		<b>120.00</b>	
Last month accum totals	<b>10858.81</b>		<b>1266.00</b>		<b>1439.00</b>	
Year to date totals	<b>12728.76</b>		<b>1396.00</b>		<b>1559.00</b>	

GENERAL COMMITTEE		598A-771-7	MONTHLY REPORT	
RECEIPTS		5/25/94 - 6/25/94		
38 Groups contributed		1869.95		
Joint meeting (expenses 17.97)		2.28		
New Frontier Subscriptions		28.00		
Envelope System		89.00		
Literature		4945.38		
Miscellaneous, Anonymous		100.00		
	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>7034.61</b>		
DISBURSEMENTS				
#10 Ellicott Sq Ct Corp			608.00	
Community Mental Health Ctr			35.00	
AA World Services - literature			1669.08	
Happy Spring Water			18.45	
The Message Connection			135.10	
Hazelden - 24 Hr Bks			1146.75	
M & T Bank - Federal Withholding Tax Monthly Deposit			622.74	
Gould & Swanson, PC			725.00	
NYNEX			169.32	
AT & T			2.06	
The Paper Shop			65.85	
Salaries			2455.38	
Petty Cash			50.00	
Bank Charge			64.71	
			7767.44	
Balance per checkbook 5/25/94			2769.34	
Add receipts 5/25/94-6/25/94			7034.61	
Deduct expenses 5/25/94-6/25/94			-7767.44	
Balance per check book 6/25/94			2036.51	
Operating debit for JUNE 1994		(-732.83)		

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RECAP		5/25/94 - 6/25/94				
<b>CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ACCOUNT #484-185-4</b>						
<b>Expenses</b>		<b>Check#</b>	<b>Amount</b>			
		1089				
Balance per checkbook 5/25/94				648.18		
Add Receipts 5/25/94 - 6/25/94				130.00		
Deduct expenses 5/25/94 - 6/25/94				0.00		
Balance per checkbook 6/25/94				<b>778.18</b>		
Operating credit for 6/25/94		130.00				
<b>TREATMENT FACILITIES ACCOUNT #602-089-5</b>						
<b>Expenses</b>		<b>Check#</b>	<b>Amount</b>			
AA Central Office	assortment	268	120.00			
AA Central Office	ECMC	269	376.20			
AA Central Office	Columbus-pha	270	37.40			
			<b>533.60</b>			
Balance per checkbook 5/25/94				461.88		
Add Receipts 5/25/94 - 6/25/94				120.00		
Deduct expenses 5/25/94 - 6/25/94				-533.60		
Balance per checkbook 6/25/94				<b>48.28</b>		
Operating debit for 6/25/94		(-364.58)				